

## THE FACES OF LOW-WAGE WORK

Name: Gussie Cannedy.

Age: 76.

Home: Philadelphia.

Occupation: Answers phones at the American Red Cross.

Hourly wage: \$5.15.

Ms. Cannedy, a widow who retired as a clothing-factory supervisor in 1985, works at the Red Cross to supplement her \$715 in monthly Social Security income. Yet it isn't really enough. "If it weren't for my children sending money every so often," she says, "I couldn't get over the hump."

Name: Mary Anne Thomas.

Age: 40.

Home: North Little Rock, Ark.

Occupation: Personal care and home-health aide.

Hourly wage: \$5.60.

Ms. Thomas, who works about 18 hours a week, says she is doing okay, thanks to her husband's \$7.50-an-hour job as a liquor-store salesman. Still, she has been actively campaigning for a "living wage" in her area, after seeing so many colleagues struggling to stay afloat.

Name: Trae Sweeten.

Age: 18.

Home: Newport, Tenn.

Occupation: Does everything from making burgers to cleaning the parking lot at a Wendy's restaurant.

Hourly Wage: \$5.60.

Trae, who lives with his father and will soon start community college, says his wage is sufficient for "putting money in my pocket." Besides, he adds, his stint at Wendy's has been "a nice taste of the working world."

Name: Celia Gonzalez.

Age: 48.

Home: San Antonio.

Occupation: Sews baseball caps and tennis visors at a hat factory.

Hourly Wage: \$6.

Ms. Gonzalez, a single mom, counts on her 21-year-old son, who earns \$5.15 an hour at a tortilla factory, to help with the family finances. "Food is now very expensive," says Ms. Gonzalez, who moved to the U.S. from Mexico about 15 years ago. She stays at home on weekends because going out anywhere would burn the fuel she needs to get herself and her son to work.●

## CONGRATULATING JUDGE RENA MARIE VAN TINE

● Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I rise to recognize and congratulate Rena Marie Van Tine of Chicago on her recent appointment as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL. When she was sworn in on June 12, 2001, Ms. Van Tine became not only the first judge in Illinois of South Asian heritage, but the first female Indian American judge in the Nation.

With a fast-growing community of Asian Americans in Cook County, it is important that the Judiciary reflects the diversity of the people it serves. I applaud Chief Judge Donald P. O'Connell and other Circuit Judges of Cook County for electing this outstanding lawyer to join them on the bench.

Judge Van Tine is a highly experienced attorney with a distinguished record of service to the people of Illi-

nois. She most recently served as Special Counsel to Illinois State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes, in a position where she oversaw the regulation of approximately one billion dollars in Illinois consumer trust funds entrusted pursuant to the laws governing the cemetery and funeral industries.

Prior to joining the Comptroller's Office, Judge Van Tine was a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney for 12 years. In this capacity she tried hundreds of cases, both in the Criminal Division where she prosecuted violent offenders, as well as in the Civil Division where she saved taxpayers millions of dollars in lawsuits.

In addition to her public service positions, Judge Van Tine has been active with voluntary bar activities. A past president of the Asian American Bar Association and a former executive committee member of the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening, she is currently on the board of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and is a founding member of the Chicago chapter of the Indian-American Bar Association.

Her contributions to the legal profession are extensive. Judge Van Tine was an adjunct professor for Trial Advocacy at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, and has served as a mock judge for local and national moot court competitions. She has written a book chapter in the American Bar Association's publication of "Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Words of Wisdom from Multicultural Women Attorneys Who've Been There and Done That." She also assisted in establishing a legal clinic at the Indo-American Center, which has been providing legal assistance to the Asian American community since 1997.

Judge Van Tine has made numerous appearances at law schools, bar programs, and symposiums to educate law students, attorneys, and community members about various aspects of law and issues affecting Asian Americans, such as hate crimes. She has also discussed the issue of running ethical judicial campaigns on a cable program aired by the Illinois Judges Association.

Judge Van Tine is a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church where she has participated in conducting Cabrini Green Health workshops for children, serving as a Cook County Hospital candy striper, and volunteering as a Sunday nursery school teacher.

Judge Van Tine earned her law degree at New York Law School and her undergraduate degree from Oakland University. She has completed several graduate courses at Michigan State University focusing on inter-cultural communication. Judge Van Tine has been married for 13 years to Matthew Van Tine, an attorney specializing in commercial and antitrust litigation. They have a young daughter named Kristen.

As the senior Senator of the State of Illinois, I ask my colleagues to join me

on the occasion of her appointment to the bench in congratulating Rena Marie Van Tine for all of her accomplishments.●

## TRIBUTE TO DONNA CENTRELLA

● Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Donna Centrella, a very special woman whom I met 2 years ago during my campaign in New York. Donna died on Monday after a long, brave battle with ovarian cancer.

I first met Donna in September 1999 when I visited Massena Memorial Hospital in Massena, NY. Donna had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer in August, but did not have health insurance to cover her treatment. Miraculously, she found a doctor who would treat her without insurance and she was able to afford care through a variety of State programs.

Perhaps even more astounding was her doctor's statement that she was actually better off without managed care coverage because he could better treat her that way. Without HMO constraints, they were free to make the decisions about the best procedures to follow for her treatment and care. Her doctor could keep her in the hospital as long as needed and he would not have to get pre-approval for surgery.

I have retold Donna's unbelievable story many times since meeting this extraordinary woman. Hers is a story that underscores the profound need in this country for immediate reform of the way we provide health coverage to our citizens. We owe it to patients like Donna to sign patient protections into law as soon as possible to ensure that we can provide the best medical treatment possible to everyone who needs it.

We have lost an ally, but I have faith that we will not lose the fight for greater patient protections. It saddens me greatly that Donna will not be here to see it happen. She was an amazing soul whose determination and strength I will never forget.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)